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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR

1951



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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL OFFICES,
15 MILL ROAD,
WORTHING.

June, 1952.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1951.

The Birth Rate remains the same as for 1950 and the corrected Rate of 14.2 per 1,000 is lower than that for England and Wales. This is a natural result of having a larger proportion of old people than most districts.

The Death Rate has fallen a little and the corrected Rate of 9.4 per 1,000 is appreciably lower than the 12.5 per 1,000 Rate for England and Wales. The relaxing air and mild climate are contributory factors in the longer survival of old people in this district.

The number of Infant deaths dropped from 14 to 9, but with such a small number of deaths one cannot make any comparison with other areas that has any statistical significance. Prematurity was responsible for three deaths.

The Cancer death rate has risen to 2.9 per 1,000. This is a considerably higher proportion than for the country as a whole. The reason for this is mainly due to the large number of old people. I must emphasise that these deaths from cancer could be reduced by earlier diagnosis. It is here where the public must play their part in their own salvation. Any unusual signs such as lumps, hæmorrhage from any opening of the body, loss of appetite or weight, may have great significance and should be reported to their doctor at once. Cancer, if discovered early enough, can usually be cured.

The aged sick and infirm become a greater problem each year. Medical practitioners often have great difficulty in finding accommodation for them. Many of these old people do not require skilled nursing, but need much more assistance than the help they are receiving at home, often from aged relatives or friends. Their needs fall part way between an old people's home and a hospital. Of the two, the latter suits their requirements better, but is the more expensive means.

The fluorine content of the water supply of the district is low. If research finds a satisfactory way of increasing the intake of fluorine, the number of bad teeth found in children should be fewer.

From my observations I consider the general health of the children good. I have noticed very few children with glands in the neck, compared with those I have seen in the north of England. I attribute this to the fact that most of the children I saw in the north drank raw milk, whereas in Worthing Rural District they drink pasteurised milk.

I conclude these remarks by referring to those children, who are more than I like to see, who go to bed too late. Parents who allow or sometimes encourage their children to stay up late are depriving them of enjoying the best of health. Their attention in the classroom is diminished and they are more susceptible to illness. They require adequate rest in the summer-time just as much as in the winter.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK COCKCROFT,

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the Worthing Rural District Council.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres), 29,779.

Resident Population (1951) estimated by Registrar General, 29,880.

No. of inhabited houses end of 1951, according to Rate Books, 10,078.

Rateable value (1951), £303,960.

Sum represented by a 1d. rate, £1,230.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births—	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	338	179	159	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 11.9.
Illegitimate	18	7	11	
Stillbirths	6	4	2	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 16.6.
Deaths	... 415	201	214	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 13.9.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child-birth, None.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age, 9.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants, per 1,000 live births, 25.3.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births, 26.6.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births, Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages), 86.

Deaths from Measles (all ages), None.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages), 1.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age), 1.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1951

	England and Wales			West Sussex		Worthing R.D.
	Urban	Rural				
Birth Rate		15.5	11.7	14.01	11.9	
Death Rate		12.5	16.3	12.7	13.9	
Infantile Death Rate		29.6	24	25	25.3	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis						
Death Rate		0.3	0.2	0.2	0.13	
Cancer Death Rate		1.9	2.8	2.3	2.9	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births		0.79	0.5	0.5	0.0	

STAFF OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:

FRANK COCKCROFT, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector:

E. T. OATES, F.S.I.A., M.R.S.I., A.I.S.E.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors:

K. C. DAVIS, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. (Resigned, Sept., 1951).

B. ROSSITER, C.R.S.I.

D. HEATHCOTE, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

A. R. MOORES, C.R.S.I. (Commenced duties, Dec., 1951).

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

I. Local Health Authority Services

Nursing.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed by the County Council to serve in the area.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

The County Council provide Centres at Littlehampton and Arundel. These Centres are accessible to some of the residents of the rural parishes adjoining these urban areas.

The County Council also hold Centres within the district at East Preston, Findon, Lancing, Rustington and Angmering.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Ante-Natal Clinics are held by the County Council at Lancing and Rustington.

School Clinics.

The following Clinics held by the County Council are available for children resident in the district:—

Minor Ailments Clinics, Eye Clinics and Dental Clinics are held at Littlehampton Health Centre, Lancing Health Centre and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre.

Orthopædic Clinics are held at Lancing Health Centre and Chichester Health Centre.

Physiotherapy Clinics are held at Littlehampton Health Centre, Lancing Health Centre, and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre.

Speech Therapy Clinics are held at Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre, Chichester Health Centre and Bognor Regis Health Centre.

Children suffering from enlarged tonsils and adenoids are treated at the Sussex Throat and Ear Hospital, Brighton, and at Worthing Hospital.

Chest Clinics.

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, which are available to all residents in the Worthing Rural District.

Venereal Diseases.

The Worthing Hospital Management Committee have made arrangements entitling residents in the district to attend the Clinics for Venereal Diseases held at Worthing Hospital.

Ambulance Service.

Acting as agent for the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society operate the Ambulance and Hospital Car Service in the County. Calls for an ambulance are made through the doctor or nurse in attendance on the case or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

Lists, showing names and addresses of midwives, health visitors and general nurses, may be seen at County Libraries, Town Halls, of offices of Local District Councils, and the Public Health Department, County Hall, Chichester. Information as to the situation of clinics and times of sessions may be obtained from the same sources, or from the local midwife, health visitor or general nurse.

II. Hospital and Specialist Services

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Doctors can arrange whatever forms of treatment are needed for their patients in general or special hospitals, whether as in-patients or out-patients. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges. All types of cases are thus provided for—medical, surgical, maternity, infectious diseases, and those requiring sanatorium or mental hospital treatment.

The Worthing Group Hospitals comprise Worthing, Southlands, Swandean, Littlehampton and Arundel Hospitals; Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington, and certain Convalescent Homes.

III. General Medical and Dental Services

Everyone is entitled as part of the arrangements for the National Health Service to general medical and dental care. Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 63, South Street, Chichester.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE

The Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951, came into force during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47—Removal to suitable Premises of Persons in need of Care and Attention

It has not been necessary for the Council to take any action under this Section during the year.

Section 50—Burial or Cremation of the Dead

It has been necessary to undertake the burial of three persons during the year under the provisions of this Section.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLY

(a) Ten of the Parishes in the District have Public Mains Water Supply, the remaining seven Parishes have piped supplies to a varying extent from private sources.

The following extensions of Mains have been made during the year:—

(i) By Worthing Rural District Council in the Parishes of:—

Angmering Village 570 ft.

East Preston (Roundstone Cres.
and Roundstone Drive) 700 ft.

(ii) By Brighton Corporation in the Parish of:—

Lancing (Irene Avenue) 1,809 ft.

In quality the water from public sources was wholesome and laboratory reports satisfactory. Where reports on individual wells were unsatisfactory, the necessary action was taken to render the supply wholesome, or alternatively to have public mains water supply laid on.

The quantity of the public supplies is adequate for the needs of the district.

Bacteriological examinations and chemical analyses are made of all public piped supplies by the Water Undertakings concerned at regular intervals, that is to say, by Brighton Corporation, Worthing Corporation, and Littlehampton Urban District.

Fifty-five samples of water were sent for analysis and examination during the year—two chemical and 53 bacteriological. These were from Public Supplies, Public Supplies owned by Private Companies, and from individual supplies at dwelling-houses. All Public Mains Supplies from Brighton, Littlehampton and Worthing Local Authorities are chlorinated. The Public Supplies owned by Fitzalan-Howard Estates Co., Ltd., Arundel, and the Rustington Sea Estate Supply Co., Ltd., are also chlorinated.

The following table gives details of the water supply in each Parish:—

WATER SUPPLIED:—

Parish	(a) Direct to house	Popula- tion	(b) By means of stand- pipes	Popula- tion	(c) Wells	Pop.
Angmering	648	1911	0	0	9	25
Burpham	66	200	0	0	9	26
Clapham	90	272	0	0	7	20
Coombes	13	40	0	0	11	32
East Preston ...	787	2234	0	0	30	87
Ferring	782	2289	0	0	40	116
Findon	367	1077	12	36	5	15
Houghton	38	116	0	0	6	17
Kingston	87	263	0	0	18	52
Lancing	4179	12323	0	0	11	31
Lyminster	92	278	0	0	7	20
Patching	65	197	0	0	14	41
Poling	53	161	0	0	9	26
Rustington	1323	3810	0	0	31	90
Sompting	1265	3701	0	0	43	126
South Stoke ...	17	58	0	0	8	23
Warningcamp .	53	161	0	0	3	9
Total:	9,925	29,091	12	36	261	756

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

(a) Western Area

There has been no change in the sewerage system which serves the Western Parishes.

(b) Eastern Area

The system at Lancing has been satisfactory throughout the year except for offensive odours arising at Worthing Borough Sewage Works. In order to overcome this, additional chlorination plant was installed and as a result the odour has been controlled satisfactorily. To ensure complete success in this connection, a temporary plant is continuing in use, and on completion of the test period will be replaced with permanent plant.

(c) The sewerage scheme for the Parish of Sompting was completed so far as Contract No. 1 is concerned, and at December 31st the drains of 774 properties in the Parish had been connected to the sewer.

The Assistance Scheme operated by the Council in this connection has continued to prove a successful aid to householders in this work.

3. PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) House Refuse

Refuse collection has been carried out weekly at all Parishes in the more populated Parishes along the coast, and in the outlying Parishes collections are made twice monthly.

There have been no alterations in the modes of collection and disposal.

The sale of salvage has been a considerable source of income towards the reduction of the over-all cost of the service.

(b) Cesspools

The Council operate a cesspool emptying service which provides for the emptying of each cesspool four times a year free of charge in respect of each house discharging sewage into a cesspool. The service has operated satisfactorily throughout the year.

(c) Rivers and Streams

It has not been found necessary for any action to be taken in respect of pollution of rivers and streams in the area.

4. SCHOOLS

No. of County Schools in the District	...	...	12
No. with Public Water Supply	...	...	12
No. with water closets (separate pedestal)	...	...	9
No. with earth closets	...	...	3

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1. Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	47	42	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities ...	66	74	3	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	2	2	—
Total	115	118	6	—

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ...	2	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:—					
(a) Insufficient ...	1	2*	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	2	—	3	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences	12	16*	—	—	—
Total	18	21	—	4	—

* Including cases outstanding from previous year.

There are 21 Outworkers in the district.

SHOPS ACT, 1934

Shops:—

No. of shops in the district	...	...	...	...	452
No. of inspections of shops...	...	...	...	...	117
No. of shops where contraventions found	...	...	...	...	1
No. of shops where contraventions remedied (including those previously outstanding)	...	...	...	...	9

Contraventions remedied:—

Sanitary convenience provided	...	...	...	...	1
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	10
					11

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Workplaces and Offices:—

No. of Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	126
No. of Offices	...	...	...	...	...	68
No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	40
No. of contraventions found	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of contraventions remedied (including those previously outstanding)	...	...	...	...	...	4

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Public Health Act, 1936. Section 269

143 visits were made to Camping Sites and 36 to individual Moveable Dwellings.

There is provision for approximately 590 caravans in the district, situated on seven commercial sites. In addition, 34 moveable dwellings are licensed.

The sanitary conditions at all the sites are in every way satisfactory, in many cases additional facilities have been provided, and it is claimed the arrangements made for this way of life in this district are as good as any in the country.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

Where infestations are found the necessary notices are served. The work of disinfection is usually carried out by the Council on payment of the necessary fee.

No Council houses but five other houses were found to be infested. All were disinfested.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

There was one smoke nuisance during the year, which was abated upon the service of the requisite Notice.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

At December 31st, 1951, it had only been possible to trace one premises where rag flock was used, manufactured or sold; these premises are now properly registered.

MOSQUITOES

Routine inspections of ditches and watercourses revealed no nuisances of this nature.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There is only one Swimming Pool in the District. The Pool is kept in a clean and satisfactory condition and is provided with a chlorination plant, which is maintained in satisfactory operation.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Department was very active in this connection and the following is a table of the work carried out:—

No. of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	6,348
Complaints made by the public	...	...	...	...	...	373
Infestations found as a result of above	...	...	...	...	...	373
Infestations found by the Public Health Department	...	...	...	...	...	393
Total number of premises where nuisances found...	...	...	...	...	...	766

Premises where nuisances remedied:—

Rats: Major	...	...	96
Minor	...	...	632
Mice: Major	...	...	0
Minor	...	...	61
TOTAL	...	...	789
No. of block control operations (2 or more premises)	...	...	125
No. of joint operations reported to West Sussex Agricultural Executive Committee	...	...	3

Summary

Total number of rats found dead	...	...	...	1,291
Total number of rats estimated destroyed	...	...	...	11,519
Total number of mice found dead	...	...	...	513

HOUSING

Set out below are details of the waiting list for housing accommodation in the District, together with a summary of the Council's Housing Programme for the future.

(a) Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31st December, 1951	...	...	...	...	862
Total number of applications received during 1951					270
Total number families re-housed during 1951				...	135
Number of houses at present held under requisitioning by Council at 31st December, 1951	...	...			46
Number of families re-housed therein at 31st December, 1951	...	...	...	...	46
Number of other dwellings, Army Huts, etc., requisitioned, and the number of families re-housed therein—					
	{	Army Huts	...	...	9
	{	Families	...	...	15

So far as the Council's Housing Programme for the future is concerned, up to 31st December, 1951, Tenders were accepted for the erection of the following—

Traditional Houses. Worthing R.D.C. :—

Houses under Construction at 31/12/51.

Roundstone, East Preston	...	...	...	...	8
Angmering Village Estate	...	...	...	...	24
Meadowview Road, Sompting	...	...	...	...	4
Irene Avenue, Lancing	...	...	...	...	36
					72

Houses not started but under contract at 31/12/51.

Irene Avenue, Lancing	...	...	...	...	2
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	74

HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of New Houses erected during 1951

Parish.	Total	Private Enterprise	With State Assistance under Housing Acts	
			By Local Authority	By other Bodies or persons
Angmering	3	3	0	0
East Preston	26	2	24	0
Ferring	2	2	0	0
Lancing	35	3	32	0
Rustington	27	3	24	0
Sompting	4	0	4	0
Total ...	97	13	84	0

A. HOUSING PROGRAMME

The position since April 1st, 1945, is as follows:—

(1) HOUSING ACT 1936

	Number of houses.	Number of persons displaced.
(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal procedure under Section 11	9	26
(b) Houses demolished as a result of informal notices preliminary to formal procedure under Section 11	7	5
(c) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 11	10	12
(d) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12) ...	1	4
(e) Houses made fit—		
(i) as a result of formal notices under Sections 9 to 12	57	...
(ii) as a result of informal notices preliminary to formal procedure under Sections 9 to 12	493	...

(2) HOUSING ACT 1949

(f) Closing Orders made under Section 3(i)...	0	0
(g) Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3 (2)	0	0
(h) Demolition Orders quashed under Section 2	0	...

B. HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	887
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	2,525
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	361
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	607
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	509

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	620
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

(a) <i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.</i>	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	1
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice—	
(a) By Owners	6
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	0
(b) <i>Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—</i>	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice—	
(a) By Owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	0
(c) <i>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.</i>	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	0
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1
(d) <i>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.</i>	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0

C. OVERCROWDING

(a) (1) No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	15
(2) No. of families dwelling therein	24
(3) No. of persons dwelling therein	138
(b) No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	7
(c) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	4
No. of persons concerned in such cases	39
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	0

D. RURAL HOUSING

The number of building licences issued covered essential works costing £28,441 19s. 6d.

Set out below is the present state and classification of the houses included within the scope of the Rural Housing Survey as at December 31st, 1951.

PARISH	No. of houses at or below £30 R.V. TOTAL	* CATEGORIES:—				
		1	2	3	4	5
Angmering	510	148	111	251	63	26
Burpham	50	6	3	41	37	6
Clapham	85	49	8	28	13	5
Coombes	22	0	5	17	7	6
East Preston	514	265	133	116	16	5
Ferring	516	144	263	109	3	8
Findon	276	0	106	170	68	12
Houghton	41	1	3	37	23	16
Kingston	20	2	5	13	5	2
Lancing	3484	1204	440	1840	48	64
Lyminster	79	3	11	65	36	18
Patching	60	15	8	37	24	3
Poling	50	14	2	34	22	11
Rustington	787	162	293	332	3	0
Sompting	1212	695	403	114	43	17
South Stoke	22	1	3	18	10	7
Warningcamp	55	15	10	30	20	4
TOTAL:	7783	2724	1807	3252	441	210

* Categories:—

1. Satisfactory in all respects.
2. Minor defects.
3. Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement.
4. Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.
5. Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

Number of Milk Distributors registered	8
Number of Premises registered as Dairies	9
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk	5
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Tuberculin Tested" milk	7
Number of "Supplementary" Licences to retail "Tuberculin Tested" milk within the District ...	4
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to retail "Pasteurised" milk	4
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Pasteurised" milk	10
Number of "Supplementary" licences to retail	

"Pasteurised" milk within the District	...	...	4
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to retail			
"Sterilised" milk	...	...	12
Number of inspections made:—			
(1) Cowsheds	...	...	4
(2) Milkshops and Dairies	...	...	28
(3) Vehicles	...	...	0
Number of contraventions of the Regulations found			0
Number of contraventions remedied (including those previously outstanding)	...	...	2
Number of Summonses issued under the Regulations	...	...	0

Report on Samples of Milk taken during the year

	No. taken by:—		No. satisfying test	No. not satisfying test	No. where no result
	County Council	Local Authority			
Tuberculin Tested	3	44	45	0	2

Of 22 samples submitted to the Brucella Ring Test, 14 were positive.

Three samples of sterilised milk were satisfactory.

ICE CREAM

No. of premises registered for manufacture	...	...	1
No. of premises registered for manufacture and sale			20
No. of premises registered for retail only	...	...	85
No. of inspections of premises where Ice Cream sold	...	...	190
No. of samples taken	...	...	96

Of the 96 samples taken:—45 were Grade 1; 34 were Grade 2; 13 were Grade 3; 4 were Grade 4.

These results are an improvement on the previous year.

MEAT

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

There is no Ministry of Health slaughterhouse in the District, but 6 pigs were slaughtered under licence from the Food Executive Officer and all were inspected. No carcase or organ was condemned.

Continued inspections of deliveries of meat to shops were carried out. The total weight of meat found to be unfit for human consumption is as follows:—

Affected with Tuberculosis: Nil.

Affected with other diseases:—

1 cwt. 3 lbs. 6 ozs. ...	Imported Beef.
1 cwt. 1 lb. 4 ozs. ...	Home Killed Beef.
1 qtr.	Ox head.
Six	Sheeps' plucks.

The total amount of meat condemned was:—

2 cwt. 1 qtr. 4 lbs. 10 ozs., plus 6 sheeps' plucks.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Shops

No. of Slaughterhouses in the district	3
No. of Slaughterhouses licensed	3
No. of Inspections at Slaughterhouses	8
No. of Meat Shops in the district	22
No. of Inspections at Meat Shops	548
No. of Notices served for contravention of Byelaws	0

BAKEHOUSES

All Bakehouses in the District have been inspected at least once, and all were very clean and satisfactory.

No. of Bakehouses in District	15
No. underground	0
No. of inspections	46
No. of vehicles inspected	3
No. of Notices served for sanitary defects	0

OTHER FOODS

Foods diseased, unsound, etc., other than under Meat Regulations:—

No. of parcels of food surrendered	60
No. of seizures	0
No. of summonses issued	0

The total weight of food surrendered was:—

Rationed foods	80 lb. 14 oz.
Fish	422 lb. 8 oz.
Tinned meat and fish	308 lb. 1 oz.
Miscellaneous tinned and bottled foods	266 lb. 9½ oz.
Irish turkeys	23 lb. 9 oz.

Total 1,101 lb. 9½ oz.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

The survey of food premises throughout the District has made satisfactory progress; it is by this and constant and regular visits to premises where food is prepared and sold that the standard of cleanliness in such premises is maintained at a satisfactory level.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Houses under Housing Act	...	...	...	...	...	361
Housing Act re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	607
Houses inspected for overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	457
Houses under Public Health Acts for defects	...	...	...	...	...	526
Public Health Act re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	1,918
Premises under Public Health Acts for nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	451
Animals premises	...	...	...	...	...	7
Complaints investigated	...	...	...	...	...	157
Water tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	395
Smoke tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	2
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	...	...	...	...	6,348
Number of Camping Sites inspected	...	...	...	...	...	143
Number of Moveable Dwellings inspected	...	...	...	...	...	36
Visits to obtain samples of water	...	...	...	...	...	55
Visits for interview with Owner, Agents, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	764
Refuse Tips and Public Cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	850
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	1,178
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	340
Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	83
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	8
Meat Shops, Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	548
Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	189
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	190
Restaurants and Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	150
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	168
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	29
Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	46
Factories where Mechanical Power is used	...	...	...	...	...	76
Factories where Mechanical Power is not used	...	...	...	...	...	42
Workplaces and Offices	...	...	...	...	...	40
Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	117
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	...	23
TOTAL number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	16,309

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases

	Und. 1 year	1—2	3—4	5—9	10—14	15—24	25 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever		9	4	39	6	1	2	61
Whooping Cough ..	13	33	75	95	6	7	—	229
Ac. Poliomyelitis:								
Paralytic ...								
Non-Paralytic								
Measles ...	15	89	131	257	24	4	12	532
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Und. 5 years	5—14	15—44	45—64	65 and over	Total
Pneumonia ...	2	1		1	2	6
Dysentery ...	1	7	2			10
Smallpox ...						
Ac. Encephalitis ...						
Typhoid Fever ...						
Paratyphoid Fever ...						
Erysipelas ...			1	2	1	4
Meningococcal Infection ...	1					1
Food Poisoning ...		1	2			3
Puerperal Pyrexia ...			22			22
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...						

	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	61	35	
Whooping Cough ...	229	19	1
Measles ...	532	7	
Pneumonia ...	6	6	1
Dysentery ...	10	2	
Erysipelas ...	4		
Meningococcal Infection .	1	1	
Food Poisoning ...	3		
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	22	21	

Diphtheria Immunisation

Diphtheria Immunisation has again been carried out during the year by the County Council. At the end of the year the position was as follows:—

	Estimated population Mid-year, 1951.	Total number of children immunised.
Under 5 years of age	2,132	959
5—14 years of age	4,091	2,746

In addition, 210 children received a third reinforcing dose.
No case of Diphtheria was notified during the year.

Poliomyelitis

No case of Poliomyelitis was notified.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality

Age Periods	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
25	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
35	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65 and upwards	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Totals	9	4	1	1	2	2	—	—

No person died who had not been notified during life.

PUBLIC HEALTH (Prevention of Tuberculosis) REGULATIONS 1925

It has not been necessary to serve any notice under these Regulations which prevent persons suffering from Tuberculosis taking part in the production of milk.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, Section 172

No action has had to be taken by the Council under this Section, which gives power to Sanitary Authorities to apply in special cases for a Magistrate's Order for the removal of Tuberculous persons to an Institution for isolation.